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G.I. JOE
A REAL AMERICAN HERO
FRONTLINE: NEBRASKA.
THE LITTLE FARMHOUSE LOOKS PEACEFUL IN THE MORNING SUN. BUT AS THE JOE NAMED STALKER KNOWS--
U.S.S.
THE DIPLOMAT
--LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!
GO!
WE FINALLY CAUGHT THESE COBRA GOONS WITH THEIR PANTS DOWN!
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ALL STATIONS TERMINATE OPERATIONS!

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BREAKER! SET TO THE COMPUTER!
THOM!
THE INFORMATION IN IT COULD BLOW THIS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WIDE OPEN.
NO SWEAT, STALKER!
EXCEPT THIS CREEP ALREADY STARTED THE ERASE SEQUENCE.
WOK!
WELL, NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE THERE!
MOST OF THE DATABASE IS STILL INTACT. SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO GET IT ALL ON TAPE.
OF COURSE, IT'LL TAKE ME A FEW MINUTES...
SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO DO THE HONORS, STALKER.
BE GLAD TO.
WAK!
HUH? I'M GETTING SOME KIND OF INTERFERENCE!
HOLY COW! COBRA COMMANDER!
GREETINGS, YOU PATHETIC CLOD!

DESPITE YOUR EFFORTS, WE HAVE REMOTE CONTROL OF THAT INSTALLATION. GOODBYE.
WHAT?!
MOVE IT! WE'RE SITTING ON A BOMB!
BRR-
ROOOM!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
A LITTLE SNAKE TOLD ME.
TOO BAD WE LOST THE COMPUTER INFO.
NOT ALL OF IT. I MANAGED TO GRAB THE COMPUTER'S PORTAPACK ON MY WAY OUT.
DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH GOOD IT'LL DO US. BUT... WELL, IT'S MORE THAN WE HAD BEFORE.
C.J. JOE HEADQUARTERS!
THAT WAS YESTERDAY.

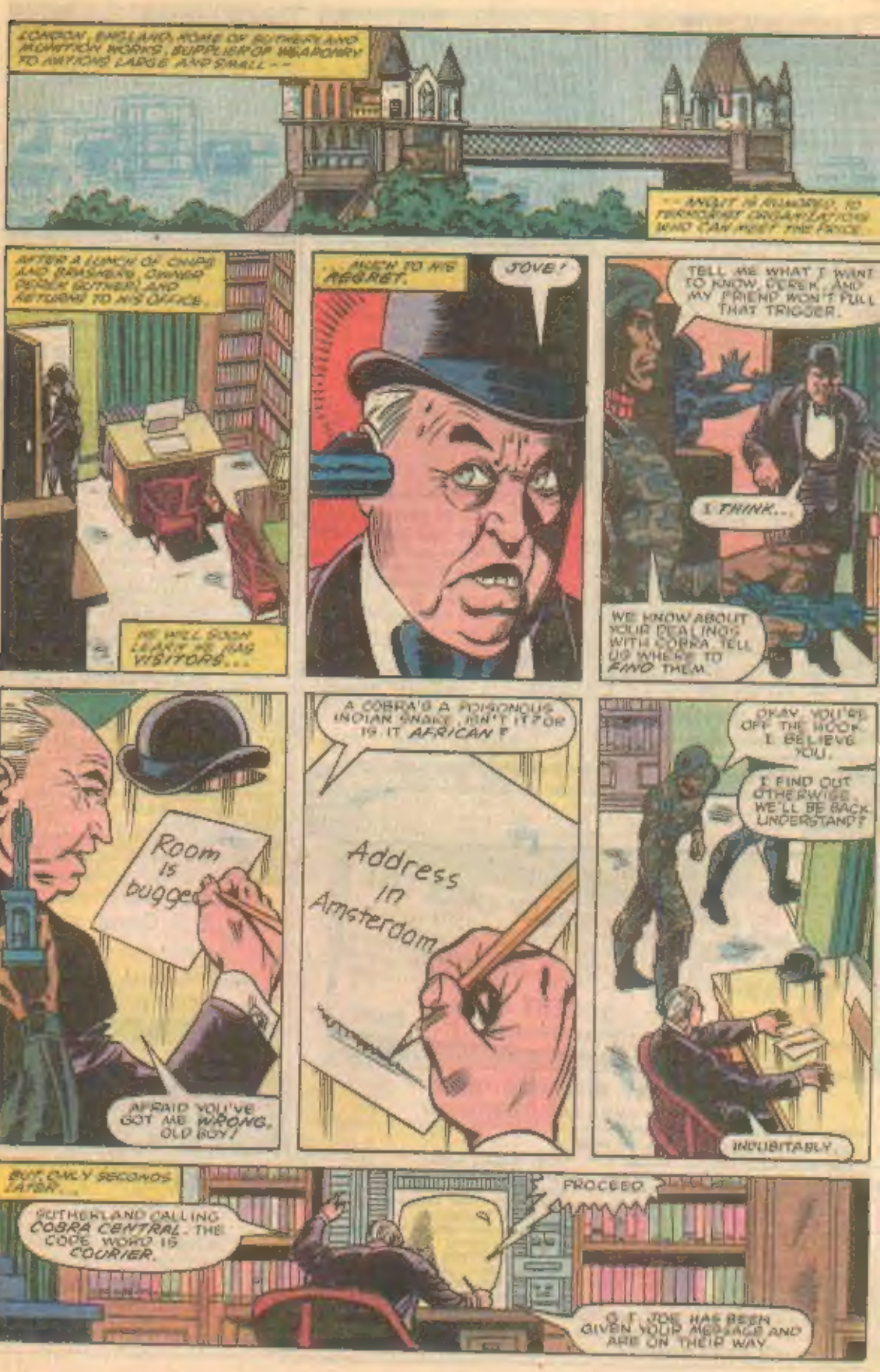
THE TAPE BREAKER GOT UP WAS SPOTTY, BUT IT MENTIONED AN UPCOMING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
IT ALSO CONCERNED BRIAN HASSELL, A STATE DEPARTMENT DIPLOMAT INVOLVED IN TALKS WITH THE PERSIAN GULF NATION OF AL-ALAWI.
THESE TALKS COULD SWING AL-ALAWI INTO THE U.S. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. IF HASSELL WERE KILLED, THE TALKS WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THAT WOULD SUIT COBRA FINE.
CLUTCH! SCARLETT! YOU ESCORT HASSELL TO THE TALKS.
STALKER! SNAKE-EYES! TRY TO TRACK DOWN SOMEONE WHO CAN CONFIRM COBRA'S PLAN.
LIKE COMMANDER COBRA HIMSELF?
HE'D DO.
WHAT DO I HAVE TO TEAM UP WITH CLUTCH? ISN'T THERE ANYONE ELSE?
YOU HAVE YOUR ORDERS, SOLDIER.
COBRA-CENTRAL!
COBRA-COMMANDER! BAD NEWS!

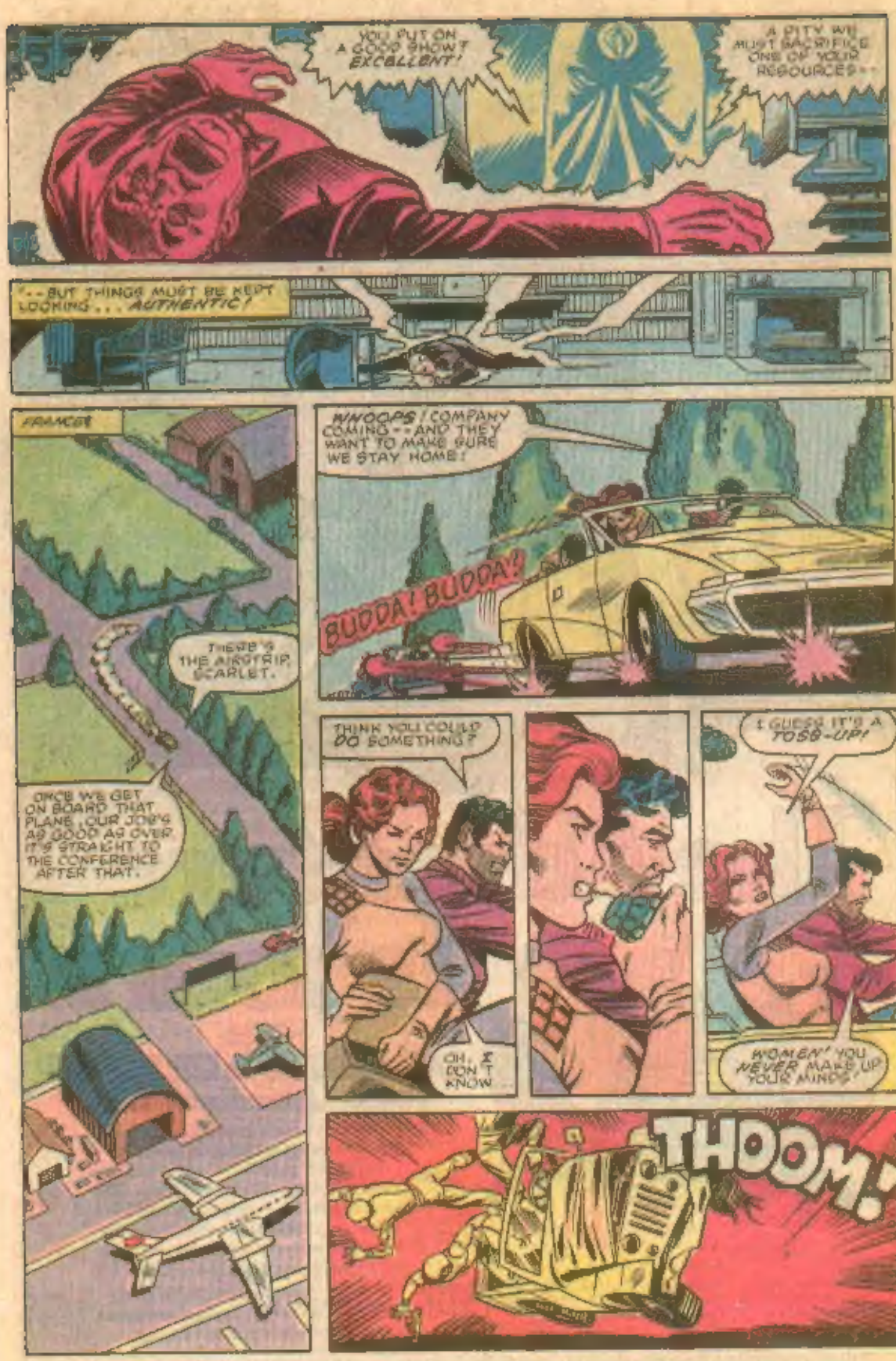
UH-OH! HE'LL FLIP OUT.
GLAD IT'S NOT ME DELIVERING THAT MESSAGE.
UHHH...G.I. JOE HAS LEARNED OF OUR PLANS FOR HASSELL.
TOO BAD WE'RE IN THE ROOM.
THEY'RE ESCORTING HIM?
HAH! EXCELLENT!
WHEW!
INITIATE ATTACKS IMMEDIATELY! THIS WILL MAKE A MOST AMUSING GAME.
THE FRENCH RIVIERA:
LOOK, SCARLETT--OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS--I DO NOT NEED PROTECTION, AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO GIVE UP WHAT'S LEFT OF MY VACATION!
SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, MR. HASSELL--BUT ORDERS ARE ORDERS.
THAT'S TELLIN' HIM, SCARLETT.
SHUT UP, CLUTCH.
I TAKE MY ORDERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, NOT THE MILITARY--
--AND FRANKLY, I'M NOT CONVINCED THIS "COBRA" IS AFTER ME, OR EVEN THAT THEY EXIST--
--AT ALL
THERE THEY ARE!
KILL THEM!
HOW'S THAT FOR PROOF?

YOU MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE A CROSSBOW PACKED IN THAT BIKINI, SCARLET?
UP TO ME, I GUESS.
BUDDA! BUDDA! BUDDA!
MACHINE GUN! WE'RE NOT PREPARED FOR THAT!
BACK TO THE BOAT! WE'LL CATCH THEM LATER!
CONVINCED?
CONVINCED. GET ME OUT OF HERE.
BUDDA! BUDDA!
THOUGHT YOU'D SEE IT THAT WAY. INTO THE CAR.

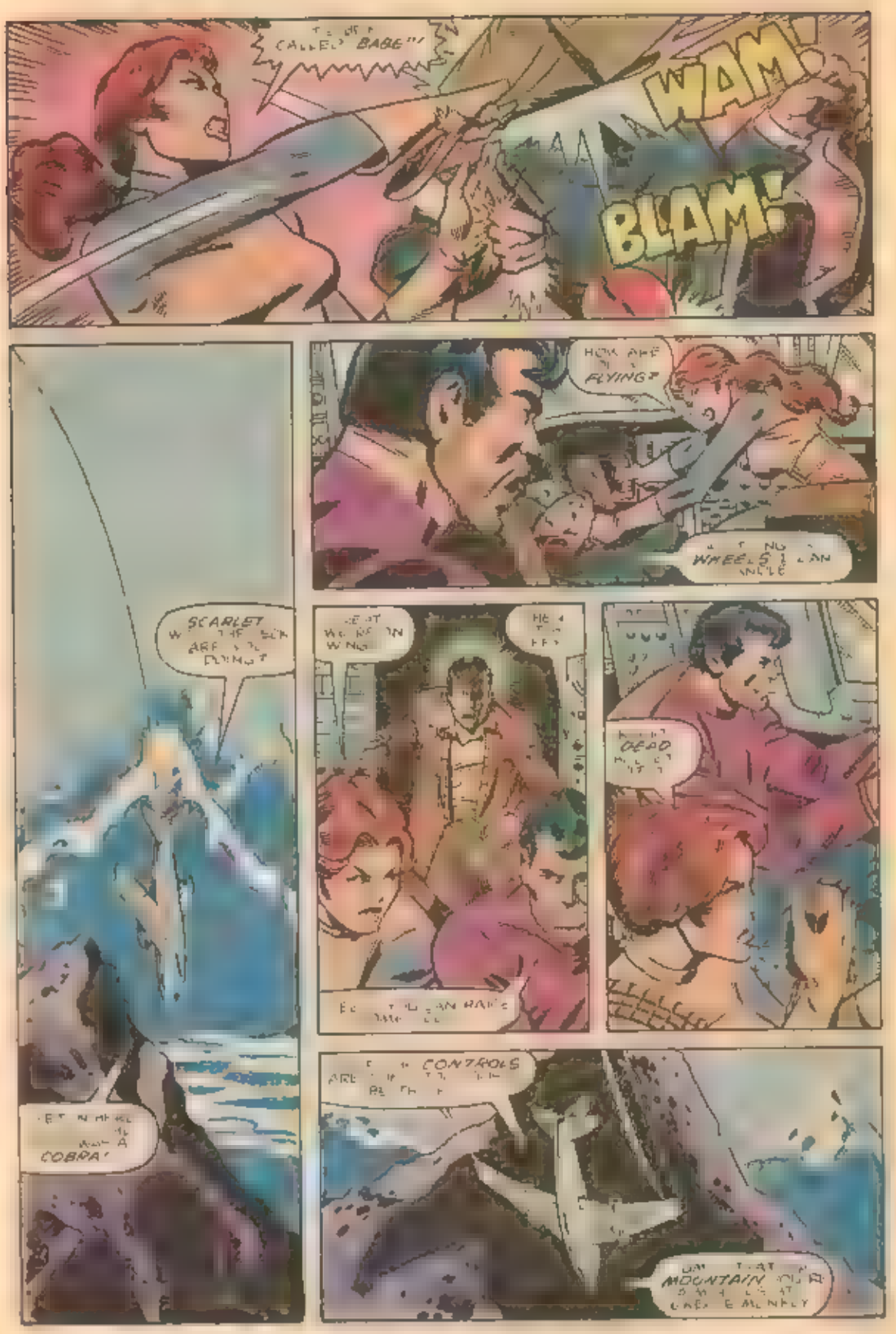
MINUTES LATER, AT HASSELL'S HOTEL...
GET A MOVE ON, HASSELL. IT'S A CINCH COBRA KNOWS WE'RE HERE!
WE'RE JUST LUCKY THEY HAVEN'T PRESSED THEIR ATTACK!
HASSELL! ARE YOU TAKING A BATH IN THERE, OR WHAT?
SORRY! ALMOST FORGOT MY BRIEFCASE.
YOU COULD SHOW A LITTLE PATIENCE! I'VE NEVER ENGAGED IN THIS KIND OF THING BEFORE.
UH-OH. THIS DOOR WON'T OPEN.
WHAT--?!
SHHH! LISTEN!
TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK TIK
BOMB.
W-WE'RE TRAPPED.
AS LONG AS I CAN GET INTO MY BAG--
--WE'RE NEVER TRAPPED.
SWIP!

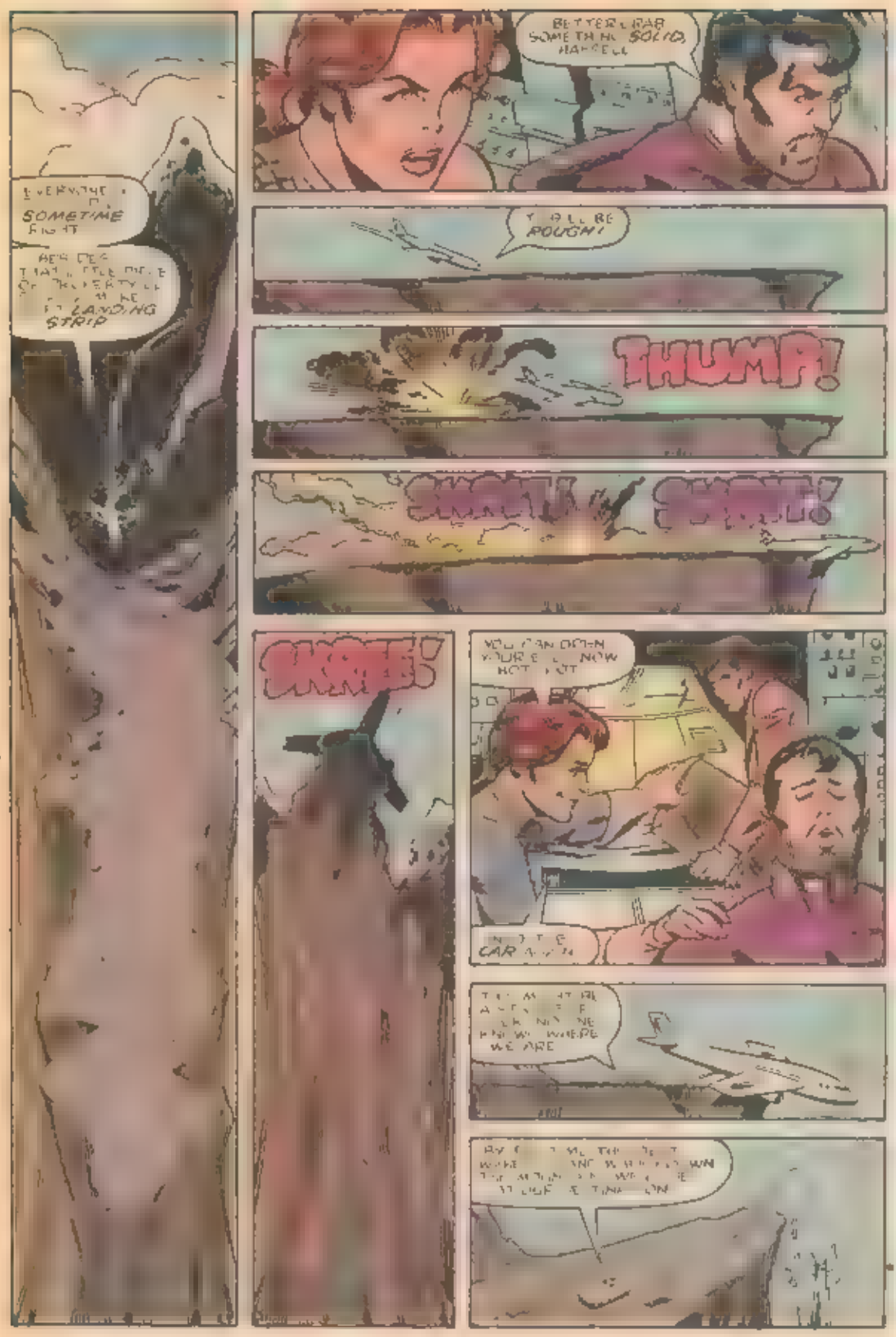
TOK!
KRASH!
YOU EVER SEEN A MEGA-MYRE ACT, HASSELL?
Y-YES
GRAB HOLD AND PRETEND WE'RE IN THE CIRCUS.
OH, MY LORD!
OH, YEAH. DON'T LOOK DOWN.
START 'ER UP, CLUTCH!
ARE YOU TOO GOOD TO TAKE ELEVATORS NOW?
BOOM!
THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?
JUST ASKING.
WE... WE COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BACK THERE!
WE COULD BE KILLED UP AHEAD. EXCUSE ME WHILE I CHANGE INTO MY FIGHTING CLOTHES.
AND YOU KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!


LONDON, ENGLAND, HOME OF SUTHERLAND MUNITION WORKS, SUPPLIER OF WEAPONRY TO ANYONE LARGE AND SMALL--
--AND IT IS RUMORED TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHO CAN MEET THE PRICE.
AFTER A LUNCH OF CHOPS AND RAMSHEAD, CHANCO DEREK SUTHERLAND RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE.
HE WILL SOON LEARN HE HAS VISITORS...
JOVE!
AIDE TO HIS REGRET.
TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, DEREK, AND MY FRIEND WON'T PULL THAT TRIGGER.
I THINK...
WE KNOW ABOUT YOUR DEALINGS WITH COBRA. TELL US WHERE TO FIND THEM.
Room is bugged
AFRAID YOU'VE GOT ME WRONG, OLD BOY!
A COBRA'S A POISONOUS INDIAN SNAKE, ISN'T IT? OR IS IT AFRICAN?
Address in Amsterdam
OKAY, YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK. I BELIEVE YOU.
I FIND OUT OTHERWISE, WE'LL BE BACK. UNDERSTAND?
INDUBITABLY.
BUT ONLY SECONDS LATER...
SUTHERLAND CALLING COBRA CENTRAL. THE CODE WORD IS COURIER.
PROCEED.
G.I. JOE HAS BEEN GIVEN YOUR MESSAGE AND ARE ON THEIR WAY.


YOU PUT ON A GOOD SHOW! EXCELLENT!
A PITY WE MUST SACRIFICE ONE OF YOUR RESOURCES...
...BUT THINGS MUST BE KEPT LOOKING... AUTHENTIC!
FRANCE!
THERE'S THE AIRSTRIP, SCARLET.
ONCE WE GET ON BOARD THAT PLANE, OUR JOB'S AS GOOD AS OVER! IT'S STRAIGHT TO THE CONFERENCE AFTER THAT.
WHOOPS! COMPANY COMING--AND THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE WE STAY HOME!
BUDDA! BUDDA!
THINK YOU COULD DO SOMETHING?
OH, I DON'T KNOW
I GUESS IT'D A TOSS-UP!
WOMEN! YOU NEVER MAKE UP YOUR MINDS!
THOOM!

HEY! SLOW DOWN! WE'LL MISS THE RAMP
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE DIPLOMAT, HE'S SPEEDING UP
ONE TYP- DON'T EVER CRITICIZE HOW I'M DRIVING!
HEY!
WE'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY!
WRONG WAY FOR WHAT, BABE
I'VE HAD ENOUGH STANDING--


CALLED "BABE"!
WAM!
BLAM!
SCARLET
HOW ARE YOU FLYING?
DEAD
CONTROLS
MOUNTAIN


SOMETIME
LANDING STRIP
BETTER GRAB SOMETHING SOLID, HARRELL
IT'LL BE ROUGH!
THUMP!
SKRRTCH!
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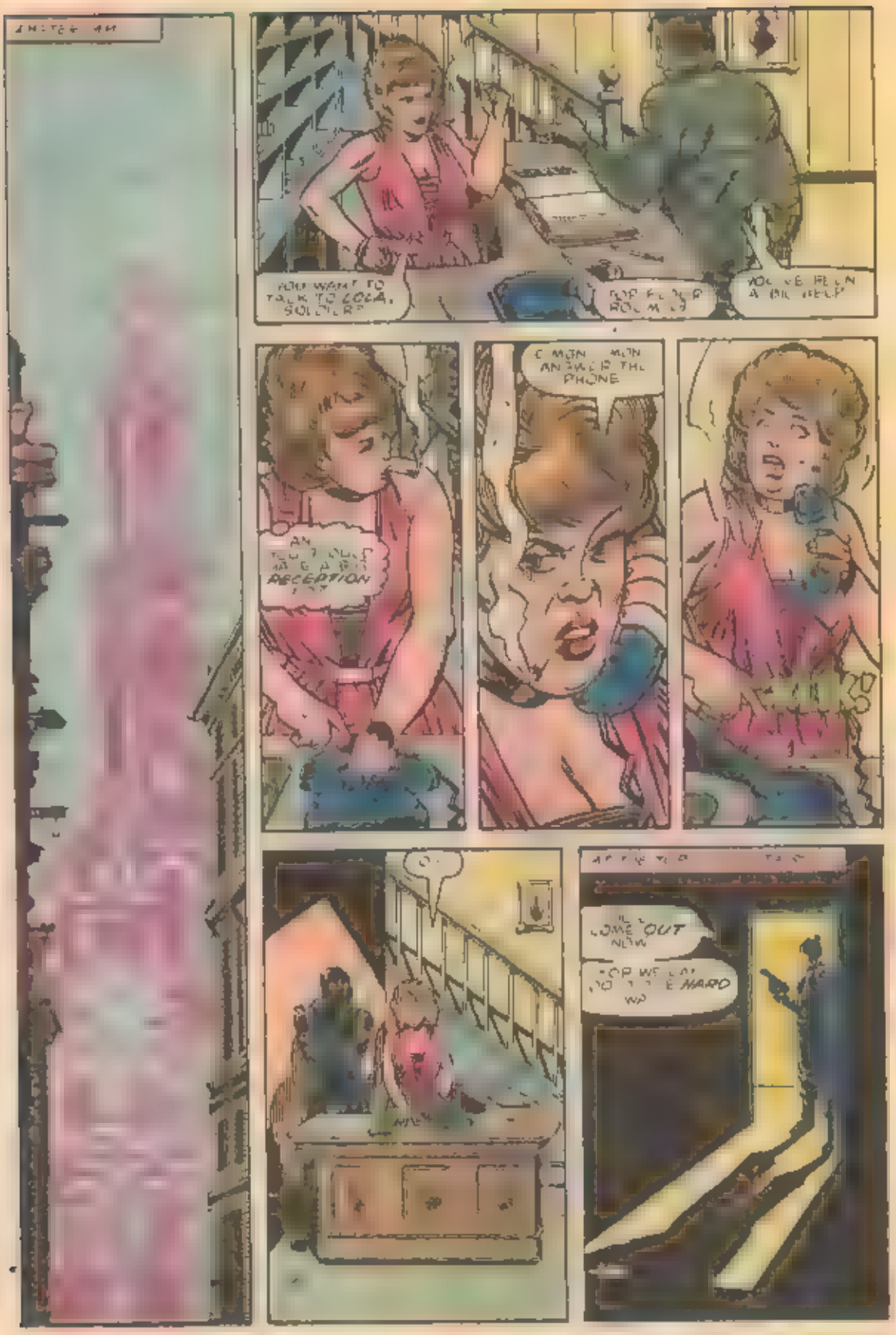
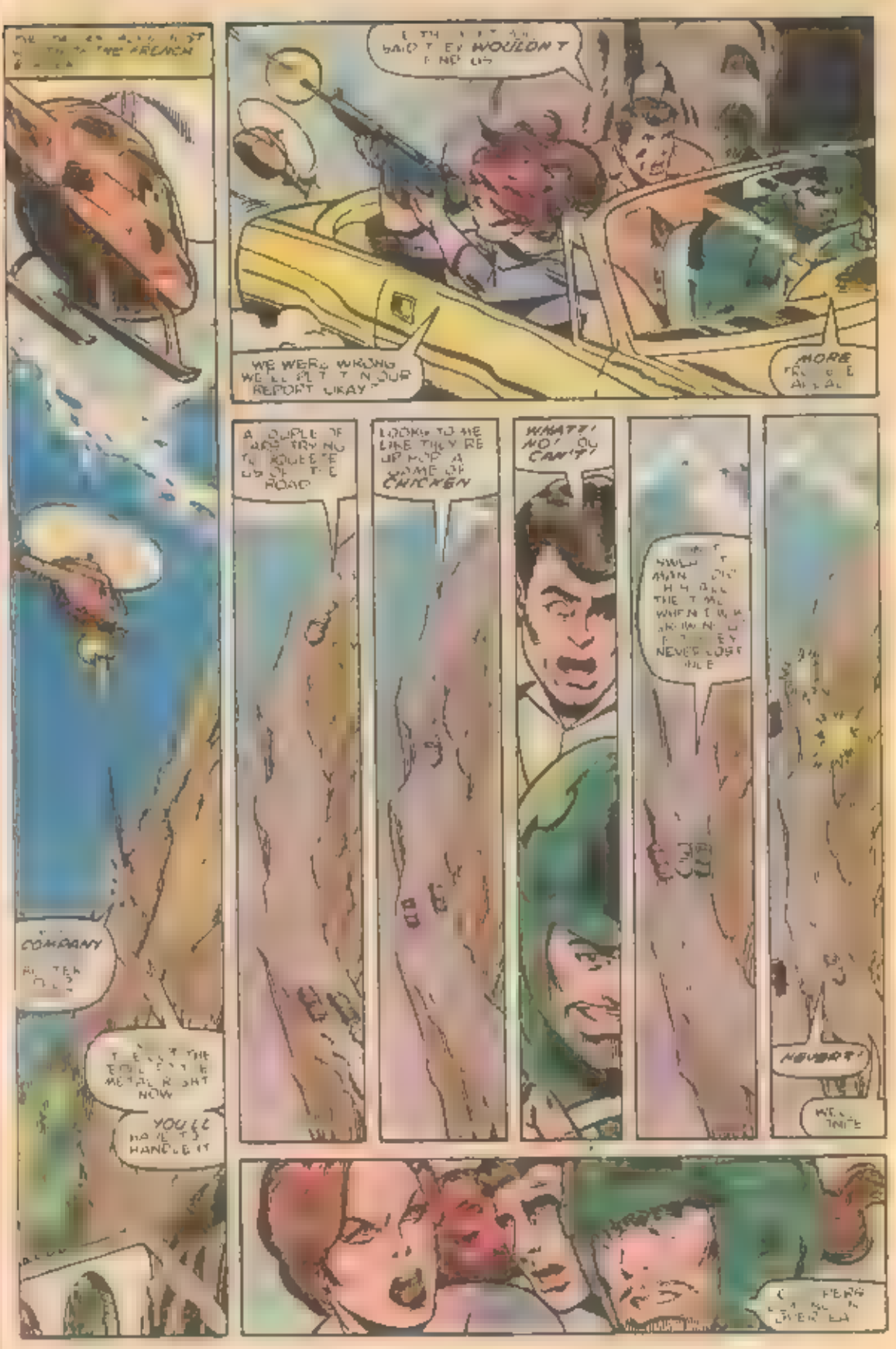
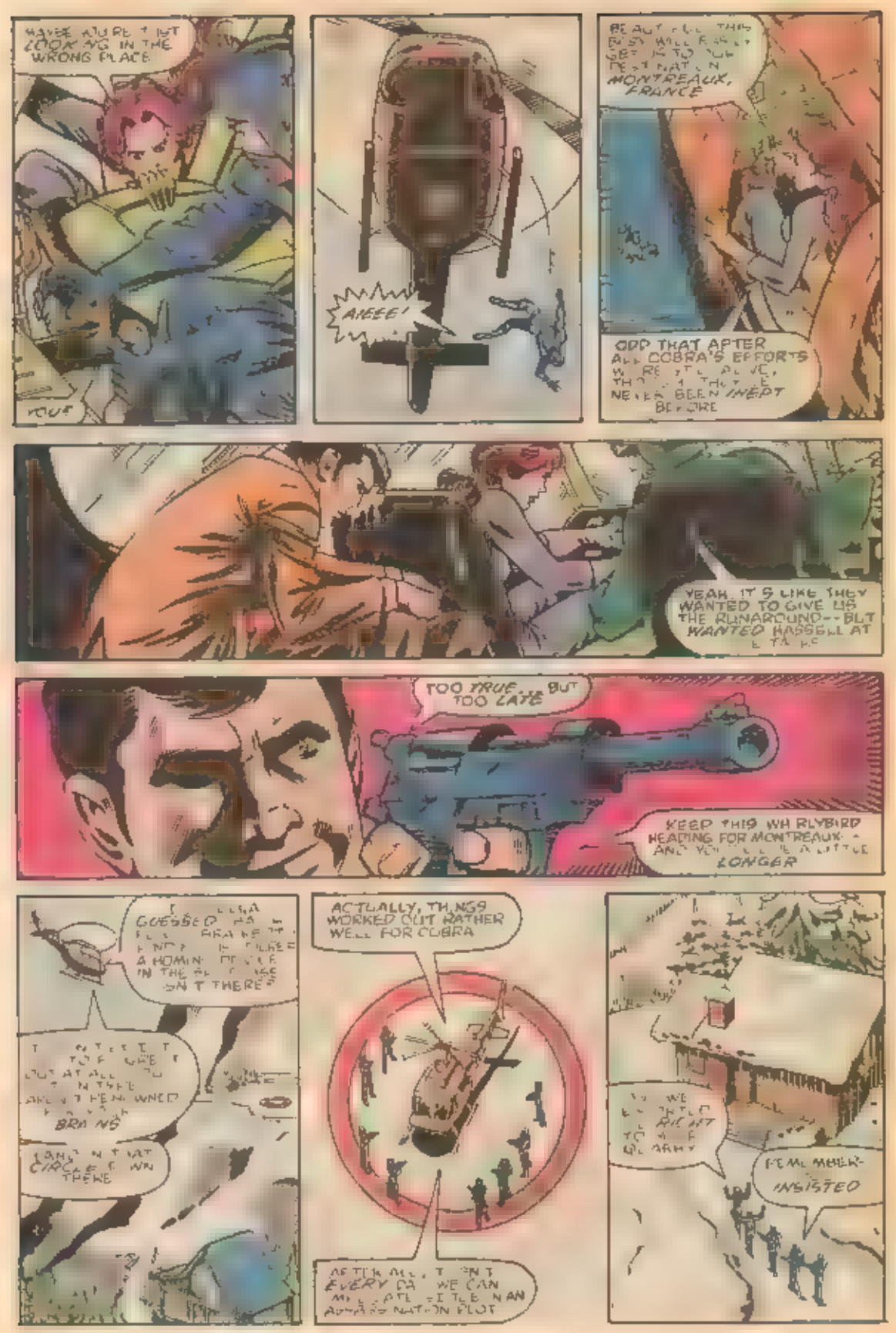
SKRRTCH!
YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES NOW
NOT YET
CAR
WE ARE

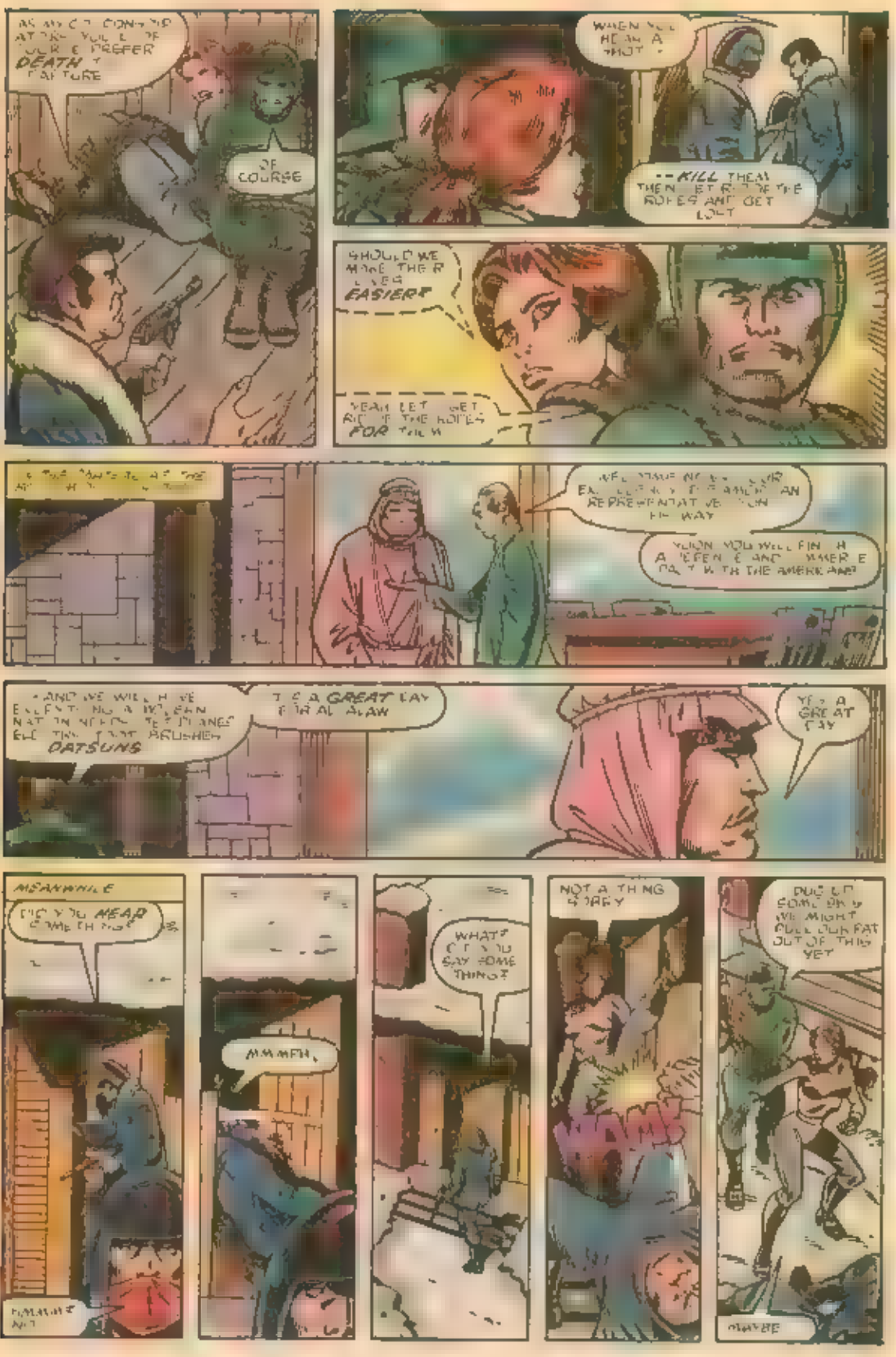

YOU WANT TO TALK TO LOCAL SOLDIER?
TOP FLOOR ROOM 13
YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP
AN OUTSIDE CALL FOR RECEPTION
COMIN MOM ANSWER THE PHONE

REALLY?
WHAT?!
GAS! GOT TO HUG THE FLOOR... BUY TIME WHILE IT FILTERS DOWN
ESCORTING HIM
VERY FUNNY
COME NOW I WON'T BE TELLING YOU THIS IF THERE WERE ANY WAY OUT OF THE ROOM
SNAKE EYES!
BOOM!
TERRIBLE


WE WERE WRONG WE'LL PUT IN OUR REPORT OKAY
MORE
A COUPLE OF MILES TRY NO TO SQUEEZE US OFF THE ROAD
LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY'RE UP HOP A SOME OF CHICKEN
WHAT?! NO! OU CAN'T!
NEVER!
COMPANY
YOU'LL HAVE TO HANDLE IT

WAIT! THEY
CANISTERS
POISON GAS!
I SEE IT
THE CAR BEFORE
WE EVEN HAVE
TO WORRY
SCARLET! GET
IN HERE
BUDDA!
BUDDA!
GOT IT!
GAS
HERE
A CANISTER
AT MY FEET! I
DIDN'T NOTICE
IT BEFORE
BLAST!
ONE
DOWN!
NO!
GONE
I CAN


MAYBE YOU'RE JUST LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACE
YOU'
AIEEE!
BEAUCOUP THIS BUSINESS WILL FINISH GET US TO OUR DESTINATION MONTREAUX, FRANCE
ODD THAT AFTER ALL COBRA'S EFFORTS WERE STILL ALIVE, THEY'VE NEVER BEEN INEPT BEFORE
YEAH, IT'S LIKE THEY WANTED TO GIVE US THE RUNAROUND--BUT WANTED HASSELL AT
TOO TRUE... BUT TOO LATE
KEEP THIS WHIRLYBIRD HEADING FOR MONTREAUX AND YOU'LL BE A LITTLE LONGER
GUESSED WAS THAT FINDS IS FILLED A HOMING DEVICE IN THE AIRPLANE ISN'T THERE?
BRAINS
LAND IN THAT CIRCLE OVER THERE
ACTUALLY, THINGS WORKED OUT RATHER WELL FOR COBRA
AFTER ALL, THEY'RE EVERY DAY WE CAN MAKE ATTEMPTS ON AN ARMS NATION PLOT
RIGHT
ARMY
FEARLESS INSISTED


AS AN OLD CONTRACTOR YOU'LL BE OFFERED YOUR CHOICE OF DEATH OR TORTURE
OF COURSE
WHEN YOU HEAR A SHOT --
--KILL THEM THEN GET RID OF THE BODIES AND GET LOST
SHOULD WE MAKE THEIR LIVES EASIER?
YEAH LET'S GET RID OF THE BODIES FOR THEM
WELCOME TO OUR EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WAY
YOUR YOU WILL FIND HOSPITALITY AND PLEASURE DEALING WITH THE AMERICANS
"AND WE WILL HAVE EXPORTS TO AMERICA NOT IN MERE TRIUMPHS BUT IN THE FAST BRUSHED DATSUNS"
IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR ALLAH
IT'S A GREAT DAY
MEANWHILE
DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
MMMFH,
HMMMM?
WHAT? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
NOTHING HARRY
WHAM
DUCK! SOMEBODY MIGHT PULL OUR FAT OUT OF THIS YET
MAYBE

"... IF HASSELL HASN'T GOTTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR YET."
MR. AMBASSADOR? I'M BRIAN HASSELL.
YES-- THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE.
I WAS SO HOPING FOR HENRY KISSINGER.
LOOK! A JOE PLANE! THEY MUST'VE TUMBLED BY HASSELL.
THEY'LL NEVER LAND IN TIME TO BE OF ANY USE. WHICH MEANS...
IT'S STILL UP TO ME!
YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR ME, MR. HASSELL?
A VERY SPECIAL GIFT-- HANDPICKED BY MY SUPERIORS.
TURN AROUND, AMBASSADOR.

KER-RASSH!
NO, NOT NOW!
YOU'RE TOO LATE -- G.I. JOE WILL ALWAYS BE TOO LATE -- TO THWART COBRA!
BLAM!
ARRGH.
SHUT UP! I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU WISH YOU'D NEVER SEEN ME.
THOK!
DO NOT MOVE. YOU ARE SURROUNDED.
SHE... SHE BROKE IN HERE... KILLED THE AMBASSADOR. I TRIED TO STOP HER...

YOUR TONGUE IS GOLDEN--BUT YOUR WORDS ARE DROSS.
HE'S ALIVE!
TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR COBRA MASTERS, TOO!
IN MY LAND, ASSASSINATIONS ARE A FACT OF LIFE!
SO ARE BULLETPROOF VESTS!
YOU MAY TAKE HIM AWAY NOW!
I FAILED--BUT COBRA WILL NEVER BE STOPPED!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS! YOU'LL PAY!
COBRA-CENTRAL!
COBRA-COMMANDER! BAD NEWS!
OH?
HASSELL WAS CAPTURED? THE TALKS GO ON?
HOW UNFORTUNATE.
YOU ARE NOT... ANGRY?
SHOULD I BET IT WAS ONLY A GAME.
AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ANOTHER GAME...
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